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RESPONSE

This is in response to Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, dated May 18, 2001 setting a shortened period for response, expiring in one month on June 18, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending and have been rejected. Please take the action indicated below.

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